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State to Crackdown on Impaired Drivers During Holidays

*December is **Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D)** Prevention Month*

(Sacramento, Calif.) — December marks California's Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month and the Office of Traffic Safety and California Highway Patrol want to alert motorists that law enforcement will be looking for impaired drivers over the next month as travel and holiday celebrations reach their peak.

Last year in California 1,308 people were killed and more than 31,800 were injured in alcohol-related crashes, with more than 176,000 arrests made for impaired driving.

Throughout December, the California Highway Patrol and law enforcement agencies throughout the state will conduct sobriety checkpoints to remove impaired drivers from the roads. Many checkpoints will be planned to coincide with the Christmas and New Years holidays.

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Note: Please consider posting the enclosed non-alcoholic drink recipes on your station's Web site during California's Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month.

**Statistics based on California Highway Patrol 2001 provisional data.*